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LISTING OF CLAIMS

CLAIMS:

Claims 1 – 40. (Canceled)

Claim 41. (Currently Amended) A computer-based method for allocating parental funds in preestablished accounts for use by children ~~customers~~, comprising:

providing a preestablished primary account file containing parental funds for allocation to at least one child;

creating a secondary account file accessible by a child ~~creating for each customer a customer account file containing a record of funds deposited for said customer~~ for spending on audio and video entertainment in the form of goods and services; and

periodically transferring to said secondary account file at least a portion of the funds in said primary account file for use by said child ~~depositing funds into customer account files in response to command instructions from the fund depositor.~~

Claim 42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, further comprising the step of storing information on ~~fund transfers~~ said audio and video entertainment spending.

Claim 43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, further comprising the step of supplying to said parent ~~fund depositor~~ said spending information ~~on fund transfers~~.

Claim 44. (Original) The method of claim 43, wherein said supplying step is performed periodically.

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Claim 45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein said funds are ~~deposited~~ transferred weekly or monthly.

Claim 46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein said funds are ~~deposited~~ transferred automatically.

Claim 47. (Canceled)

Claim 48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, further comprising the step of limiting how said funds in said secondary ~~customer~~ account file may be spent in response to command instructions from said fund depositor, wherein said limit on said funds is a limit on transaction amount or a limit according to content on the audio and video entertainment on which said funds may be spent.

Claim 49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~48~~ 41, wherein said limit on funds is a limit on transaction amount.

Claim 50. (Original) The method of claim 49, wherein said limit on transaction amount is a periodic limit

Claim 51. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein said limit on transaction amount is a weekly or monthly limit.

Claim 52. (Original) The method of claim 41, wherein said audio or video entertainment comprises digitalized forms of entertainment selected from the group consisting of music recordings, music videos, video games and DVD movies.

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Claim 53. (Original) The method of claim 41, wherein said audio or video entertainment comprises rental video tapes.

Claim 54. (Original) The method of claim 48, wherein said limit on said funds is a content limit.

Claim 55. (Original) The method of claim 54, wherein said content limit is according to artist, genre or content rating.

Claim 56. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein said primary account is a bank or credit account.

Claim 57. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein said secondary account is an internet account.

Claim 58. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein said funds are spent on audio or video entertainment over the internet.